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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Neil Roseman *et al.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/280,292

FILED: March 29, 1999

FOR: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
AUTHENTICATING USERS WHEN
CONDUCTING COMMERCIAL
TRANSACTIONS USING A
COMPUTER**

EXAMINER: Richard C. Weisberger

ART UNIT: 3624

CONF. No: 5547

Docket No. 249768013US

Response to Restriction Requirement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Claims 29-121 are pending. The Examiner has issued a requirement for restriction.

The Examiner believes that claims 86-121 are directed to an invention that is distinct or independent from the claims originally filed because it is directed to an "auction system." The Examiner also believes that claims 29-85 are drawn to three different inventions and should be grouped as follows:

Group	Claims
1.	29-43
2.	44-59, 71-85
3.	60-70

The Examiner believes that Group 1 and Group 3 are different species of a genus that is not claimed.

Applicants provisionally elect Group 2 and request reconsideration and modification as outlined below.

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GROUP 3